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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER FEBRUARY 28, TO PRESENT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE FOR DELIVERY TO PRESIDENT-ELECT ODUBER (STATE 37814) AND THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FONMIN (STATE 38877), FACIO EXPRESSED HIS GREAT SATISFACTION OVER THE MEXICO FONMINS MEETING, WHICH HE CONSIDERS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS, AND HIS SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THE SECRETARY'S STATESMANLIKE PARTICIPATION. FACIO DEPLORED THE FACT THAT THE LATIN PRESS (INCLUDING COSTA RICA'S) HAS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT MEETING, AND HAS THEREFORE TENDED TO CRITICIZE SECRETARY'S CALL FOR "HEMISPHERIC COMMUNITY".

2. FACIO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NEXT MEETING OF FONMINS IN ATLANTA IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY. HE PLANS TO WRITE TO SECRETARY IN NEAR FUTURE ON HIS THOUGHTS IN THIS CONNECTION. IN PARTICULAR, HE WANTS TO EXPLAIN HIS DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN THAT CUBA ISSUE WILL INCREASINGLY POISON THE ATMOSPHERE FOR HEMISPHERIC UNDERSTANDING IF SOME MOVEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THAT IT WILL FURTHER ERODE SUPPORT FOR THE RIO TREATY WHICH COSTA RICA PRIZES SO HIGHLY.  
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